

Abstract of the Disclosure

The discharge chute opening and closing apparatus for lawn mowers comprises a vertical bar fixedly attached to a pivot bar, rotatably mounted between first and second pivot stanchions; a pivot arm fixedly attached to said pivot bar at a first end and engaged with a cam pin at a second end; a cam plate comprising a cam pin and a drive pin, rotatably attached to a third pivot stanchion; a lift plate rotatably attached to the third pivot stanchion and fixedly attached to a chute door being operably engaged by the cam and drive pins; a second lift plate fixedly attached to a fourth pivot stanchion further comprising a spring attachment; a spring attached at a first end to the spring attachment of the lift plate and attached at a second end to a spring mounting bracket wherein the spring assists in maintaining the position of the chute door.